



## **BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT**

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### FACT SHEET - RURAL WATER SERVICE

Rural water service is unique to the Bella Vista Water District. Rural water service and the associated rural rate is available to properties that have a one-inch or larger meter and serve property at least two acres or larger. The rate was adopted many years ago to soften the change for customers who had enjoyed the lower priced agricultural rate but no longer qualified for that rate under the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) requirements.

For many years the rate consisted of a fairly high base rate and a low unit or usage rate. This was an attempt to encourage the full use of the water allotment the District received from Reclamation. The District was once required to pay for its full allotment whether it was used or not. The renewed long-term water service contract with Reclamation no longer requires payment for water not used. The rural rate has been adjusted so it is similar to the residential rate. The reason for this change is that the water, whether residential or rural, costs the District the same.

The only remaining difference between the current residential and rural rates is the incremental tiered pricing. The usage at which the higher tiers become effective are greater for rural than for residential.